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Police agree to pay out £13k to couple

BY KATHRYN CAIN

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MORE than £13,000 of taxpayers' money has been paid out by Bedfordshire Police following a three-year battle against a Caddington couple.

In August 2010 Patrick and Christine Smith were arrested over allegations they had harassed Central Bedfordshire councillor Richard Stay, who was deputy leader at that time.

The dispute was over emails Mr Smith admits he sent to Cllr Stay, of Central Bedfordshire Council, and also an allegedly threatening comment posted on Cllr Stay's blog

blog.
It is alleged the comment made on Cllr Stay's blog was traced back to the computer at the Smiths' house

But Mr Smith vehemently denies he was responsible for the comments in any way.

After no charges were made the couple sued and have now won a total of £13,249 for assault, false imprisonment and trespass after the police force pulled out, admitting liability, of a hearing due to be held at Luton County Court last Monday.

Speaking to Luton on Sunday, Mr Smith said: "My wife and I have gone to hell

and back to prove our innocence. We never did anything wrong and it is a tragedy that our civil claim has taken almost three years to get to a conclusion.

"Only when our solicitor sent us the sealed court order did we know that justice was finally done.

"Bedfordshire Police's admission of liability for assault, trespass and false imprisonment has at last vindicated us of any wrongdoing but there are still many questions left unanswered."

A spokesman for Bedfordshire Police said: "The police received a complaint of a crime committed against Richard Stay and investigated it as we are obliged to do.

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"After that investigation no charges were laid.

"The ensuing legal case has involved a number of aspects and has therefore involved lengthy negotiations on both sides

"Bedfordshire Police last week settled this dispute and entered into a consent order that was approved by the court, it was not a judgement against the police.

against the police.

"Three police officers involved did not fabricate statements and there was never any evidence of this whatsoever."



DAMAGES: Patrick and Christine Smith of Caddington have received £13,000 following a three-year

Concern over online pilot to register for tax reduction

A NUMBER of residents say they have been left worried after receiving a letter which says they must register to receive the Single Persons Council Tax Discount online.

The 2,000 letters were sent out by Luton Borough Council as part of a pilot scheme, but had no alternative telephone number for residents to call.

Jack Giles, 73, of Queens Close, Luton, said: "I was concerned when I read the letter as I have no access to a computer – and many others I've spoken to don't either.

"Without a number or means of contacting the council on the letter, many people, especially the elderly, are worried they will lose the discount."

A council spokesman said: "The letters were sent as part of a pilot project to test a new system where residents can confirm their single person discount online.

"Customers will still, of course, be able to update their discount by phone. Following feedback from residents in the pilot, we realise we need to state this more clearly when it is rolled out further.

"Any council correspondence with residents should include a phone number that people can call, however, this was accidently omitted on this occasion and we would like to apologise for any distress caused."

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Crooks shopped by 'This and That' police store set up in High Town

BY JULIA SUTTON

A SECOND-HAND shop set up by police to catch criminals selling stolen goods

has been hailed as 'imaginative and highly successful' by a judge. The shop, called 'This and That' in High Town, was manned by undercover officers 'Joanne' and 'Lee' who bought and sold second-hand items such as electrical goods, identity documents, bank cards and mobile phones on the premises, on the streets or at the customers' homes

Prosecutor Daniel Siong told Luton Crown Court the Bedfordshire Police operation, code-named Operation Generous, ran between June 6, 2012 and February 20 this year.
Judge Stuart Bridge praised the under-

cover operation.

Seven people, who have or had drug

problems, were in the dock on Thursday after being caught in the operation.

Some had sold their own passports and bank cards and sometimes those of family members or friends to pay for



their fixes and to clear their debts to dealers.

They were receiving about £150 for passports, £40 for driving licences and £20 or £15 for bank cards.

The defendants, who pleaded guilty to charges of fraud and possessing identity documents, were:

- Gary Dean, 46, of Montrose Avenue, Luton
- Tukimona Disiminua, 49, of Alpine Terrace, Stockwood Crescent, Luton
- James Lake, 35, of Cranborne Avenue, Hitchin
- Craig Griffiths, 40, of Hillborough Road, Luton ■ Genghis Khan, 31, of Hart Lane,
- Terry Moules, 38, of Hart Hill Drive,
- Samuel Knight, 38, of High Green, Great Moulton, Norwich

Other defendants involved will appear in court at a later date.



Julie receives a business award from Her Majesty

A BUSINESSWOMAN from Luton was honoured with a Queen's Award this week for Enterprise in International

Julie Richings, who has been finance director at visual communications company RMG Networks for 15 years, attended a celebratory reception at Buckingham Palace hosted by the Queen on Tuesday.
Along with RMG's manag-

ing director Dan Horgan, Julie enjoyed Champagne and canapes, before meet-

ing the Queen and members of the Royal family, including Prince Andrew and Princess Beatrice.
Following the event, Julie said: "Meeting the Queen with Power or evention."

with Dan was an exceptionally proud moment. "We've all worked together

over many years to achieve outstanding growth, so the palace reception is such an important occasion for our export team. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity – and something to tell the grandchildren!

newsbriefs

ARRESTS AFTER POLICE CHASE OFFICERS from Bedfordshire

Police arrested two men after discovering Class B drugs in their car, following a chase.

The officers had tried to speak with the men during a routine stop on Wednedsday at around 7pm, before they sped away from Garretts Mead, close to the junction with Hallwicks Road in

After several attempts to stop

the car the men crashed in to a fence in Mangrove Road. An amount of cannabis was

discovered during a search of the car.

The men, both 23 years old, were arrested on suspicion of possession of a Class B drug with intent to supply.

CALL FOR SHOP VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS and donations of unwanted good are being

sought by a new charity shop opening in Dunstable.

The British Heart Foundation is appealing to the community to help its new store, which is due to open at 9-11 West Street on Tuesday, August 27.

For more information call into the store, or phone 0844 248

BENEFITS CAP TO AFFECT 200 THE Government's Benefit Cap. which limits the amount of benefits people can claim, is now being rolled out in Luton. Locally this means that about

200 claimants could see their benefits cut to the earnings of an average household.

Mairead Mcgeoghan from Luton Jobcentre Plus said: "We are providing support to help people into work and the majority of people are keen to get into work."





Commissioner Olly Martins has announced he will double the number of **Special Constables** currently on Bedfordshire's books.

He told a meeting of the Police and Crime Panel on Wednesday evening that he wants to see the number of Specials increased so that ultimately they could make up as much as a third of the force's warranted offic-

He said: "We already have just under 200 Specials who do a fantastic job. The work they do is vital in helping Bedfordshire Police continue achieving reductions in crime and deliver a safer Bedfordshire.'

Special Constables have the same powers as their colleagues including the power of arrest - and have the same uniform.

Commissioner Martins' call to increase the Specials' contingent is partly a response to the force's funding challenge highlighted in last week's report by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary.

Mr Martins added: "Expanding our Special Constabulary is undeniably partly driven by the funding cuts we face. But I strongly believe these officers make a vital contribution to the efficiency of the force and help to build a strong link between the communities they live and work in and Bedfordshire Police."

Plea for firms to pledge tackle litterbugs



Pick it up: Cllr Syd Knight with a bag of rubbish that has been collected around Sundon Park Parade

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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FOOD businesses in Sundon Park are being urged to take more 'responsibility' for the litter created by their packaging.

Councillor Syd Knight, who represents the area, said he wants shop owners on the Sundon Park Parade to help keep the area tidy.

He said he has been con-

tacted by residents con-cerned with the amount of litter they have noticed in recent months.

The area has 12 restaurants and takeaways situated on the parade.

However, residents said most of the rubbish came from discarded takeaway

bags. Cllr Knight said: "A few months ago I did ask the council officer responsible for environmental issues to

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remind the traders in this area of their responsibility to make sure they are not having their customers littering

the area.
"I want them to be reminded of their responsibility. I know that it's difficult to control people with litter but Greggs seem to have the big-ger problem in that area."

A local resident in the area, who wished to remain anonymous, said she had resorted to picking up the litter in a bid to keep the area tidy and had also noticed a large quantity of discarded Greggs

bags.
She said: "When people see me picking up the litter they

always say that it's terrible around here.

"The council cleaners do come up here but it's the firms that are not doing their

share.
"The local councillor spoke to them but I don't see them

doing anything about it."
A Greggs spokesman said: "Greggs is committed to supporting ways of reducing the unacceptable problem of litter.

"Moves by Greggs to help tackle litter in the vicinity of its shops include displaying anti-litter messages on windows and product packaging and the introduction of daily front of shop litter clearance policies."

A council spokesman said that it has written to all food companies 'to remind them of their duty of care to keep their area clear of any litter generated from their business'.



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Readers criticise jump' taunting

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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MEMBERS of the public who taunted a man threatening to jump from a multi-storey car park last week have come under fresh criti-

The man is believed to have jumped from the structure in Silver Street at about 7.45pm on July 19 and died from his injuries.

On Wednesday, our sister paper, the Luton and Dunstable Express, reported that the Samaritans had described people who goaded the man as he sat on the car park ledge as 'doing more harm than good'.

Comments further condemning the action came from our readers on social media networks following the publication of the story. On Facebook Andrea Stobbart said 'this is

very sad and appalling how some ignorant people showed no empathy towards the man', while Twitter@AmboOffice said 'outrageous behaviour. No respect for this man and his

Mall ten years ago as a security supervisor, said during his time there people had tried to iump from the car park.

to shout at the man.

He said: "In such situations the advice to staff is to get managers on site and then get the emergency services on site to deal with it.

"But my questions is why were the public allowed to be anywhere near him and why was there nothing put on the floor for him to land on?

A spokeswoman for Bedfordshire Police said: "The investigation into the man's death is now subject to HM Coroner and it's not

appropriate for us to comment at this time."
Mark Broadhead, general manager at The
Mall, called the death a 'tragic incident' and
said staff were trained in dealing with such situations . He said: "This was a tragic incident and we

would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family of the gentleman concerned.
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was presented with an honorary doctorate at the University of Bedfordshire's conclud-

ing graduation on Friday. Mr Whately, pictured with the Vice Chancellor, Bill Rammell, has been a familiar face on our screens for many years and is best known for his role as Robbie Lewis in Inspector Morse and, more recently, renamed Lewis.

On being presented an honorary Doctor of Arts award for his outstanding achievements in acting, the 62-year-old Northumberland-born actor said he was 'chuffed to bits'.

He added: "I've lived in the local area for 28 years, so it's a great honour."

The TV star was also impressed with the ceremony, describing it as having an 'exciting and fantastic atmosphere'.

Mr Whately was among a distinguished group of people who received recognition this week, including cricketing star Darren Gough.





Worry that 'wrong libraries will shut'

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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LIBERAL Democrat councillors have hit out at Luton Borough Council's plans to close a number of libraries to cut costs.

The council's executive will make the final decision on library closures at its meeting on Monday, with the closure of Wigmore and Sundon Park libraries, as well as the mobile library, the most likely outcome.

However, the Lib Dems say the wrong libraries have been chosen to shut, as they are used by more people than those due to be saved.

Liberal Democrat leader, councillor David Franks, said: "Most councils seem to be managing the spending reductions without closing libraries. But then most councils have not wasted nearly half a million pounds on running pop concerts."

"If they really must close libraries and want to mini-

"If they really must close libraries and want to minimise the number of people affected it must be more logical to close the ones with the fewest users. "There's no logic in closing

"There's no logic in closing Wigmore library, used by



CONCERNED: Councillor David Franks says that Wigmore Library, pictured, should not be closed

72,000 people, and keeping open Lewsey used by 32,000 and Bury Park used by 13,000."

A council spokesman said:
"The council has statutory responsibility for libraries and two options are being presented to the executive on Monday.

"The preferred option was the result of a comprehensive town-wide research and consultation exercise.

"Wigmore is less than two

miles from Stopsley library, which will have its hours extended under this proposal, and the consultation results also showed that a high proportion of users drive to this and other libraries across town, which was not the case in other areas.

"Also, as Bury Park Library has low running costs, even if this was closed, the reduction in budget would still mean that two other libraries would need to close."





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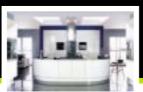
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Winner Elliemay, 8, has bags of talent

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Elliemay McGuinness, 8, of St Christopher's Academy, won £250 for the school plus a £25 Tesco gift card for herself. Her winning artwork has also been printed on 250 reusable shopping bags, which are due to be distributed free to parents and chil-

Union announces staff survey plan

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UNISON members of the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust (EEAST) have said they are conducting a survey to find out what staff think about senior management.

All five non-executive directors resigned from the board of directors last month and ambulance staff had been expecting the director of emergency operations, Neil Storey, to also leave his role.

Gary Applin, Unison's branch secretary for EEAST, said: "We are conducting a survey about what staff think as this is what they have asked us to do.

"Once the survey is finished we will look at the results, analyse them and, depending on what we find, we will take the management to task.'

A joint statement from Dr Geoffrey Harris OBE, chairman of the trust board, and Andrew Morgan, the trust's chief executive, said: "Neil has been a substantive board

member only since last October. During that short period of time he has helped develop our turnaround plan and started implementing actions to improve services to patients. Neil has been driving forward improvements, like working hard to get more staff and ambulances onto the front line.

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Fight library closures

SIR - (Re: LoS 21/7/13 'Libraries to shut in plan to cut costs') The report to Luton Council executive committee on December 3, 2012 shows that Wigmore Library is the third best used library across Luton.

This both for people using the library and for items issued.

Only Central Library and Leagrave Library have more usage. Marsh Farm library is part of Lea Manor School and competes well with Wigmore.

The other libraries have less than half Wigmore's visits and about one third of the items issued. Bury Park Library is the least used library in the bor-ough, with about one person in a 100 choosing to use it.

As Bury Park is only a short walk from Central Library, would it not be more resident friendly to use the costs of Bury Park to enhance library facilities

at more outlying parts of Luton. Luton Borough Council, which 'owns' Luton Culture, provides all its funds and decides how the

money is spent. I believe the trust is an 'arms length' company, run by Luton Council. Why else would the council executive have such a say in it's detailed budgets.

It would also be interesting to know how many people would be within a mile of Central

Library in Luton.
It's still not too late to stand up and be counted. An influx of letters to LBC, even at this late stage, would make a difference.

If we all sit back and say 'someone else is bound to do it, why should I bother', the council has won and we'll pay the price. David Birtwhistle,

Why not cut hours?

SIR - (Re: LoS 21/7/13 'Libraries to shut in plan to cut costs') As I read your article, my thoughts immediately turned once again to our illustrious Labour authority in Luton hammering services in all the wards of the town apart from its Sacred Cows of Dallow, Biscot and Bury Park!

Has the question been asked are you aware, as to why all these libraries cannot stay open, but just with reduced opening hours? Instead of seven days week, why not just three or four? Surely it is better to keep some service than to just close them

Am I being too sensible in this? Or is it just another case, as with the misguided busway and the shambolic way it has allowed the airport to be run over the last five years at no development which actually brings it income, that Labour does not want to do anything that actually benefits the council tax payers of the town?

As opposed to everything for those who don't pay a farthing? Pete White Crawley ward, Luton

Busway project is 'crass venture'

SIR – Ms Reid echoes the views of the majority of Luton resi-dents (LoS, 21/7/13 'Busway saga rumbles on...') by citing the obscene waste of taxpay er's money splurging £90mil-lion on an unwanted busway.

I believe the reasoning behind this crass venture is that it will improve traffic flow. Wasting such a ridiculous

amount of money on this white elephant is NOT going to improve the situation while you have people in the Highways Department contriving to do exactly the opposite.

As Ms Reid quite rightly says.

the situation in Bury Park is a nightmare. It's also a classic example of Town Hall incompe tence and the amount of money lavished on that project has been wasted as far as improv-ing traffic is concerned.

If a bus stops then everything stops – the net result being that traffic tails back over the roundabout causing even more congestion in Hatters Way.

Don't get me wrong, I have nothing against money being spent to improve the look of the town but if it is at the expense of keeping traffic

moving, definitely not.
A favourite ploy 'to improve traffic flow' is to try and squeeze as much traffic into as few lanes as possible and the one lane exit from Montrose Avenue onto New Bedford Road is a prime example of this.

Another case of making life a misery just for the hell of it is the junction of Crawley Green



PROJECT: The Luton Dunstable busway is due to open later this year

Road and Vauxhall Way. One of the reasons put forward for making these altera-tions was to reduce accidents at this roundabout. I have lived near this roundabout for 35 years and cannot recall there being more accidents here than any other part of the town.

The sight of a sign at the side of the road proclaiming 'road improvements start here' is a sure sign of another impending disaster meaning that most of us will lose the will to live.

The 'piece de resistance' will of course come when the extended ring road extension meets up with Crawley Green Road and a set of traffic lights

The number of people who would have benefited had £90million been spent saving local services that are being axed would far out way those likely to benefit from a project that nobody apart from our beloved councillors want.

is installed at the new junction

I note that correspondent Ms Reid says it usually takes her an hour to get from Luton to Lewsey Farm because of the congestion in Bury Park

Could I suggest she may like to try going via Hatters Way, that is of course, if it is not closed for work on the busway. Robin Kedge, Highover Close, Luton

to help reinvigorate our town. The more the merrier, I say! Cllr Amy O'Callaghan, Labour councillor for South ward

Clean up was great!

SIR – I was delighted to join the community clean up around the back of the town centre (or Loho, as it is now being coined) last Saturday.

Dozens of volunteers, young

and old, pitched in to paint, scrub, pressure wash and litter pick to revive a part of the town which has seen some neglect in recent years.

Being part of that movement was a fantastic feeling and showed the community at its best. Passersby were helping, asking how they can become involved and thanking us for putting our Saturday aside to

help the image of the town. As a born and bred Lutonian and a councillor for the area, I am proud that Luton Borough Council was behind the project, supporting local businesses who wanted to make a difference.

A special thanks should go to Mal Hussain at the council, who pulled everything together to

make it happen.

I do hope that the local author ity is able to continue to support brilliant projects like this one, and people reading this start thinking about getting involved

UK would not change

SIR - Perhaps Lance Richardson (LoS 21/7/13 'Leaving EU would benefit UK') would like to read Will Hutton's article in the Observer of the same date

Apparently he spoke to leaders of London tech companies following David Cameron's request to British businesses to identify EU regulations most hindering British growth.

For Hutton's sources 'Brussels and the EU were simply not on the radar' and their suggestions were the financial system's aversion to risk, immigration controls keeping out talented for-eigners and BT's inability to provide high speed broadband.

None of those would change if

we were to leave the EU!

Jenny Spouge, Address supplied

Stop animal testing

SIR – The latest government statistics show that more than

4million animals were used in experiments in the UK during 2012 – equivalent to more than 11,000 experiments every day.

This is a rise of nine per cent and is the highest number of animal experiments seen for 26 years and flies in the face of the Coalition Government's pledge in 2010 to reduce the number animals used in research, which has risen each year since.

It is unacceptable that millions of animals continue to suffer and die in UK laboratories. including 3,214 dogs, 202 cats, 2,186 monkeys, 10,538 rabbits, 191 horses, 500,056 fish and 152,359 birds.

There has been an explosive increase in the use of nonhuman primates (up by 22 per cent) and the genetic modifica-tion of animals (up by 22 per

The UK should be leading the way in reducing animal testing, yet we remain one of the world's largest users of animals in

experiments.
The BUAV will continue to work towards ending this appalling suffering taking place in our laboratories

Michelle Thew, British Union for the Abolition of



Your comments on the stories on our website this week:

PCC calls for tax rise

@JohnEJefferson: Maybe getting rid of PCCs and their minions would go some way to avoiding the tax rise proposed!

@OllyMartins: That would be a shame as we cost less than the police authority we replaced and are more accountable and

@mnpala: Depends whether you're talking a nominal amount or a significant rise.

@Rev0107: They asked the SAME question about the fire service. Net result? CUTS. The question is loaded. #stopcuts

@kerryogdenhills: I wouldn't be happy paying more council tax, it is too much already for not a great service. There are families struggling to eat

@midlandcottages: No I wouldn't like to pay more council tax as that is a form of blackmail to get more out of us – if the council made people pay what they owe instead of writing debts off we would have a lower amount to pay anyway

Traveller encampment

Onoldra - If I try to camp anywhere other than a designated campsite in, say, the New Forest, I am moved on IMMEDIATELY. Does this not happen to 'gypsies'?

In which case why aren't they evicted IMMEDIATELY from Stockwood Park and

Dumped rabbit saved

Andesine: Why is this headline aimed at foxes? It has nothing to do with foxes.

It has everything to do with callous people who think it's okay to dump a pet when it's no longer convenient. How about pushing for responsible animal ownership rather than jumping on the fox bandwagon?

Libraries face closure

@hatters1940: As they have decided libraries must close can we expect a reduction in

College receive cash

@masekwm: I've been to three colleges and CB was by far the worst, long overdue

Cyclist goes for gold

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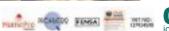
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Democracy, the Prince and sham medicines

here is medicine and there is medicine. And there is democracy and there

is improper lobbying.
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alarming.
It is alleged that Prince Charles has been urging the Secretary of State for Health, Jeremy Hunt, to make homeopathy an expanded service on offer in the NHS.

Already it is on offer to a limited extent, which is itself a disgrace.

Homeopathy involves treating patients with highly diluted substances that then supposedly trigger the body's natural system of healing.

Every scientific and medical study of this treatment has shown it to be completely useless.

In the USA they have been tested to destruction and they have not found a single one that works. At all. It is a sham or 'quack' medicine. But nevertheless the heir

to the throne is a big supporter.

It could be argued that anything Prince Charles is in favour of should be treated with caution, but homeopathy can affect people's lives and not for the better.

What might be beneficial to a cash-strapped Secretary of State is that such an option could be cheap.
That could be why it has

not and is not being rejected out of hand.

But it will not cure people and could result in more harm or even death if offered as an alternative to proper medical treatment.

What is equally worrying is the interference, if true, of democratic government in this country by the monar-

Apart from this instance judges have ruled that the public has no right to know the contents of 27 letters Prince Charles had written to ministers over several years, in an attempt to influence policy decisions.

Now, as a citizen of this country, Prince Charles should have as much right as anyone else to voice his opinions, in the same way as I occasionally do.

But he should not have the right to exert a greater influence because of his rank and position, and nor be able to keep the details of that influence secret.

That is the antipathy of

democracy.
And if he behaves in this manner as Prince, what can we expect should he become King?

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College granted £9m for upgrade

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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CENTRAL Bedfordshire College is set to receive £9million in Government funding to help it modernise and update its facilities as part a £15.3million investment programme.

ment programme.

The college, which serves

Dunstable and the surrounding area, will be adding
£6.3million to the pot as it seeks to upgrade many of its buildings, some of which date back to 1959.

The funding follows debate in Parliament at the end of last year which high-lighted the college's need for capital funding.
It will go towards its main

campus at Kingsway, Dunstable, and there will be new areas created for a number of subjects, including hair and beauty, catering, engi-neering, performing arts and digital media. The new buildings are expected to open in two years

and the college said the campus would become cheaper to heat and maintain.

College principal Ali Hadawi said: "By awarding this grant, the Skills Funding Agency is expressing its confidence in the college.

"We are absolutely delighted that after many years of hard work we will be able to transform the Dunstable Campus and welcome even more people from Luton and Dunstable, and the surrounding community, into our building, whether for a cup of coffee or a life-changing qualification."



Dorries repays £3k expenses

MP Nadine Dorries has been asked to repay £3,000 in travel expenses by the parliamentary standards

watchdog.
The Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (IPSA) said the Mid-Bedfordshire MP accepted her claims were 'wrongfully made and should not have been allowed'.

A report into its investigation which cleared her of

any wrongdoing was published on Wednesday.

Ms Dorries, who appeared in I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here! last year, responded to the report on her blog by calling for the whole expenses system to

be scrapped. She also questioned why IPSA did an 'expensive and time consuming investiga-

tion into my expenses'.

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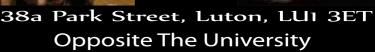


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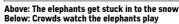
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GOING, GOING, GONE: Cheeky elephant Scott plays with a picture of a snowman. The one-year-old



Hot spell

IT'S not just us humans that are finding this weather a bit hot the elephants at Whipsnade are too! This week, they were given a surprise to help them keep cool

AS THE summer scorcher continues to sweep the country, Whipsnade Zoo's elephants have managed to stay cool, thanks to a jumbo delivery - of

20 tonnes of snow. The herd's paddock was coated in snow and transformed into a winter wonderland for them to play in.

The extra special snowfall came from The Snow Centre in Hemel Hempstead as part of its Beat the Heat campaign.

Assistant curator of elephants, Lee Sambrook, said: "We're always looking for new ways to keep our elephants cool in this heat.'





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Mural celebrates town's diversity

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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A MURAL celebrating different aspects of the town has been unveiled at one of the entrances of The Mall.

The display, created by a number of young people, features the word 'Luton' in capital letters across the top with drawings of food items, the Olympic torch and the Luton Town football club crest.

It is on show at the Church Street entrance following the unveiling on Tuesday, attended by Gavin Shuker, the MP for Luton South, and Councillor Amy O'Callaghan. Barnfield West Academy student Annabelle Bortnichuk led on the project after receiving an 'it's your future' bursary from the Bute Street based THEATRE IS organisation, which has been working with the school. She told them she wanted to

She told them she wanted to create something to counter act the negative stories coming out of the town related to the English Defence League.

Other students involved in the project were Christine Robertson, Stori Needle, Charlie Scowen, Josh Dodoo and Esra Samiloglulari.



CREATIVE: The students used money from the 'it's your future' bursary to buy all the materials needed to create the piece

Annabelle said: "It's about supporting positive things for Luton. All the stuff about the EDL made it look a bad place but it's not like that really"

Abi Brown, from THEATRE IS, said: "This project is about saying to young people that it's your future and it's up to you to take hold of it.

"We want to hear about what their dreams are and the future of the community. We want to encourage them in that."

Cllr O'Callaghan added:
"As the youngest councillor
in Luton I recognise how
important it is for people to
see what great things young
people are doing to lift the
spirit of the town

spirit of the town.
"Annabelle and her team have put a lot of work into celebrating all of the good things about Luton and it's great it is on display for everybody to see. I was really honoured to be invited to attend the opening with our MP."

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Wild pathway 'forces people into the road'



OVERGROWN: The pathway in Newlands Road has become covered with thistles, nettles and branches, according to walker Sandra Bevan

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

WOMAN claims the state of an overgrown path is forc-ing walkers into the

Sandra Bevan, of Slip End, com-plained to Central Beds Council, which is responsible for

cutting the verge next to the path in Newlands Road, after becoming una-ble to walk along it. But seven weeks on

this I've been walk-

the grass still hasn't been cut.

She said: "The path is covered in branches and nettles, which isn't nice. To avoid

ing out in the road, which is obviously dangerous.

A spokeswoman for Central Beds Council said: "We A for are aware of the long grass at the back of grass at the the footway in remainds Road, which is due to be cut by the end of next week."

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Call for help to run carnival party event

WITH less than six weeks to go until Brazilian Carnival Encontro 2013, the UK Centre for Carnival Arts is looking for volunteers to help run the event.

The event will take place between Friday, September 6 and Sunday, September 8 and feature authentic Brazilian food, Caipirinha cocktails, Samba music and dancing.

The centre is currently recruiting event management and marketing assistant volunteers. If you are interested, request a pack from kath@carnivalarts.org.uk



SAMBA: The Brazilian Carnival Encontro is coming to town

On track for more reliable rail service

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

lauren.archell@lutononsunday.co.uk

TRAIN operator, First Capital Connect (FCC), has begun taking further steps to improve the punctuality of its rail services.

After announcing an initiative last month to give Network Rail more opportunities in the evening and at weekends to maintain and upgrade the track, managing director David Statham has appointed a new perfor-

mance director

Richard Rowland will focus on improving the strategic approach of the company to enhance the performance and reliability of the service.

approach of the Company to enhance the performance and reliability of the service. Richard said: "It's an exciting opportunity because I get a chance to make a huge difference for our customers.

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"We are taking a more proactive approach to ensure Network Rail is delivering on its plans in order to minimise these major events in the future and the impact they have on our passengers' journevs."

Richard added that he also hopes to focus on operational discipline to try and ensure the trains run on time.

He said: "It's all about detail and discipline – by saving lots of small delays we can make a big difference to the overall service."





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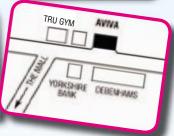






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Lack of big name stars will hurt this adventure fantasy

FILM REVIEW

PACIFIC RIM (12A)

Directed by Guillermo Del Toro

IT'S all about sequels in Hollywood these days so it's hard for a new studio tent-pole movie to get the recognition it deserves.

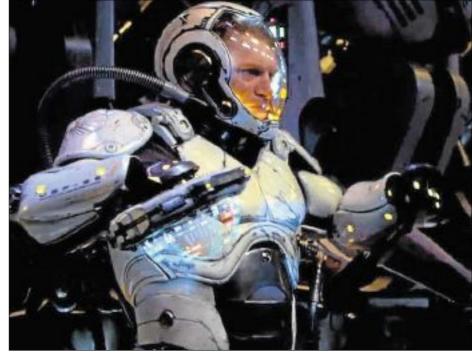
And that's exactly what will be Pacific Rim's long-term downfall – even though it at least tries to provide something different for this summer's blockbuster season.

It may have Oscar-nominated director Guillermo Del Toro at the helm, the man behind 2006's exceptional Spanish-language film Pan's Labyrinth and the two generally critically-lauded Hellboy films, but he's still not a big-enough name to the general movie-goer - and when your film hasn't got a major A-list star, that makes it even hard-

Its plot - however implausible - is at least a fresh take on the sci-fi theme, as giant monsters (known as Kaiju) rise from the oceans through an intergalactic vortex in the earth's crust to consume the planet's resources.

In retaliation humanity build massive weapon-laden billion dol-lar robots, called Jaegers, to fight back against these hulking beasts
- piloted by two people whose
minds are interlocked by a neural bridge.

But even though this machine's defended the planet for a number of years, the Kaiju are starting to evolve by sending even bigger and stronger creatures – and they're now winning the war with an apoc-



alyptic event now looking ever more prevalent.

Enter the stereotyped unlikely hero, washed-up former pilot Raleigh (Charlie Hunnam), who is thrown into one of the last working Jaegers with untested Japanese rookie Mako (Rinko Kikuchi) – recruited by Lt Commander Stacker

(Brit star Idris Elba).

The dialogue (surprisingly for Del Toro) can border a little on the generic side, along with the heroic storyline that has been played out in different formats before – but it does ultimately contain a lot of heart that adds an endearing qual-

And with the versatile Elba put-And with the versatile Elba put-ting in another stand-out perfor-mance – coupled with some great battle scenes and special effects – this really deserves (despite its flaws) to be a monster hit.

Rating 3/5 Review by Gavin Miller

Win tickets to **Mead Open Farm** and a toy pack

COMPETITION

Mead Open Farm

Entry Deadline Extended to August 4

BRITAINS Farm Toys has teamed up with Mead Open Farm to offer three lucky families free tickets to the farm park plus a fantastic crop of toys worth £72.

The winners will experience the fun of

farming at Mead Open Farm near Leighton Buzzard where there is lots to see and do. Along with traditional farm animals, there

are tons of activities to take part in, including Lamb Bottle Feeding and the Bunny Hop. There is also a new feature that has just opened this summer, which is the Sky Trail

and Sky Tykes High Ropes Course.

At Mead Farm you can discover the cutest of animals in the four Undercover Animal Barns and 'ewe'll' want to check out the Lamb National – if you guess the winning sheep, you'll take home a medal.

After all this you can then end the day by running off steam in Shaggy's Playworld. There's lots to do whatever your age and whatever the weather at Mead Open Farm.

The toys on offer will be the Large Livestock Building, which comes complete with Yorkshire boarded sides and added height for extra machine manoeuvrability very useful come feed time in the barn.

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HATS

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SHOPPERS who may have spotted a colourful new addition to High Town Road may be interested to know that a new hat shop and micro-museum has been opened by Luton Culture and local volunteers.

The store opened in the exact building in which a straw hat manufacturer named Minnie Bonner worked more than a hundred years ago from 1894 until about 1898.

High Hats has an assortment of headwear and fascinators for people to look at and buy, including some hats that are perfect for

ladies with weddings to attend.
Prices range from £5-£200 and there is lots to capture the interest of locals too, with displays about Snoxalls and workshops on everything from creating your own fascinator to decorating hat boxes

In the past High Town had hat block manufacturers, bleachers and dyers, bonnet sewers and box makers, as well as suppliers of feathers, ribbons, flowers and other materi-

It contained a mix of larger factories and houses with rooms built onto the back for use as family businesses.

Many families produced hats which were sent to destinations all across the world.

The shop address is 77 High Town Road and its opening hours are Thursday and Friday 11am-6pm and Saturday 10am-5pm. See www.lutonhats.com for more.



A night of dirty dancing

THEATRE

The Grove Theatre

Friday, October 11, 7,30pm

A NEW stage show featuring all the hits from everyone's favourite dance movie Dirty Dancing is coming to town.
Billed in some quarters as one of

'the sexiest song and dance sensa-tions of 2013', music and dance fans have the chance to experience the all-new box office hit A Night of Dirty Dancing, the ultimate tribute show, as it embarks on a nationwide

Michael Taylor, the show's produc-r, said: "Celebrated film Dirty er. said:

Dancing boasted the greatest movie sound track of all time.

"All these hits are superbly per-formed in this fast-moving, slickly-choreographed theatrical treat."

Dirty Dancing's score included: She's Like the Wind, Big Girls Don't Cry, Hey Baby, Wipeout, Do You Love Me, Be My Baby, Hungry Eyes and the Oscar-winning (I've Had) The Time of My Life.

Fans are invited to take a trip back to the summer of 1963, to relive Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey's sizzling performance in the ultimate

coming of age romance.

Michael continues: "The whole world loves Dirty Dancing. It's truly iconic entertainment.

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The film defines the 1980s. It was the first movie to sell one million videos, produced a number one sin-gle and achieved album sales of 42million worldwide.

It is not affiliated with Dirty Dancing: The Classic Story On Stage currently on tour in the UK and worldwide.

Tickets cost £22 with concessions at £20.

You can book by calling the box office on 01582 602080, or visiting www.grovetheatre.co.uk.

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Take a walk at the Hoo this afternoon

THE legacy of one of England's greatest land-scape designers, Lancelot 'Capability' Brown, will be showcased at the annual charity garden open day at Luton Hoo Hotel, Golf &

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Many of Capability Brown's original 18th century designs can be seen on the estate and since taking over the property Elite Hotels has embarked on a long-term conservation project to restore the gardens to their former glory.

The estate is listed in the English Heritage Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest and lies within a conservation area.

include Features Italianate garden, lakes, woodland, a sunken rock-ery and a Victorian grass tennis court with its original pavilion that can be rotated to follow the sun.

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THEATRE

SINGLEMARRIEDGIRL

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I'VE never been one to shy away from performing on the stage myself, says SARA MURRAY.

So I listened intently as HEATHER BAGNALL told me about her new project; a one woman play called SINGLEMARRIEDGIRL, which she

will be bringing to the UK this summer. Lively, charming and funny, Heather's passion for the theatre industry was clear as she spoke to me about why her latest project is so special to her.

"It's a bit daunting performing on your own, but it's also completely thrilling and exciting. "Being alone on stage," says Heather, actress, author and co-founder of theatre company

Tasty Monster Productions, "allows you to really feel like you're bringing the audience into your world. There's no separation barrier, it's wonderful."

And quite a successful year Heather has had

Having performed SINGLEMARRIEDGIRL extensively across the US, the offbeat hit comedy has received an overwhelming response.

"When we first performed it we had no idea what the reaction would be, which I don't think you ever do with a new play.

"When we started out we were still very much finding our feet."

In the play, Heather brings to life the antics of Laurel Spears, who has found herself at the crossroads of a dead end marriage and suffering from a major identity crisis.
SINGLEMARRIEDGIRL is an adaptation on

the popular blog www.singlemarriedgirl. com, which Heather was introduced to by a friend two years ago.



FROM ONLINE BLOG TO THE STAGE: Heather Bagnall plays out the life of Laurel in SINGLEMARRIEDGIRL

"When I contacted Laurel, she was actually very open to the idea of me adapting her blog into a play. She was also very shocked at how similar our lives were."

The play follows Laurel's journey as she faces the world of dating, love, life and independence following more than a decade of magrid life. of married life

"Afterwards, loads of people came up to me

and said 'I am Laurel'. I'll always remember one woman saying 'you have no idea how much I needed to see that'. It was amazing. "The story just speaks to me so much. It's

really quite scary how much I identify with my character. The lines between our two

stories began to become very grey."

For the full interview, www.luton-dunstable.co.uk

Pick up some media skills this summer

LUTON Youth Network is a wide range of

youth groups and organisations who work primarily with young people.

One of its partner companies, Jamrock Media, has recently received support from Luton Airport to put in place a More than Maria project.

Music project.
It was successfully delivered in 2010 and 2011 and attracted a lot of young people interested in media.

The course is for people between the age of 13 and 19 and is free of charge.

It will cover video production, DJ skills,

music production, radio presenting and

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All courses will carry an AQA level 1 accreditation upon completion.
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ered as follows:

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- August 12-16 Music production
 August 19-23 Radio presenting and broadcasting
 ■ August 26-30 – Video production

Courses will run between 10am and 3pm at the Jamrock Media Centre, which is situated at 1 Collingdon Street, Luton.

Montell Neufville, chairman of the youth network, said: "We have some outstanding talent within the network offering a wide range of opportunities for the town's

"This is so important to empower our young people and to ensure that they can be engaged in positive activities."

For more information contact Marlon

Cespedes on 07597 119501.

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MUSIC

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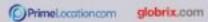


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Ref: 40/0975

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37 hours per week, 52 weeks per year

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Ref: 40/0982

Ref: 40/0976

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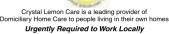












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The Order will come into operation on 19th August 2013 for a period of 18 months although it is anticipated work will be completed by 23rd August 2013. The Order will therefore be in operation

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The purpose of the Order is to enable highway improvement works to be carried out.

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SCHEDULE

l	ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD	TIMES
ı	Dunstable Road.	From its junction with Moor Street to its junction with Bury Park Road.	8.00pm to 5.00am.

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (MARSH ROAD)
(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) (NO.2) ORDER 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on 22" July 2013 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The Order will come into operation 21st September 2013 and cease operation after 22nd September 2013 or when the proposed works have been completed. Specific times and dates will be signed ally. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

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Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

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NOTICE is, hereby given that on 22nd July 2013 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The Order will come into operation 1st August 2013 and cease operation after 31st July 2014 or when the proposed football matches have finished, whichever is the earlier. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

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The purpose of the Order is to enable the safe passage of highway users attending Luton Town Football Club matches

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Ash Road.	From its junction with Hampton Road.
Clifton Road.	The entire length.
Kenilworth Road.	From its junction with Avondale Road westwards to outside No.35 Kenilworth Road.
Oak Road.	The entire length.

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (VARIOUS ROADS) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES) (NO.18) ORDER 2013

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The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the roads and lengths of roads in the schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described above

The purpose of the Order is to enable highway improvement works to be carried out

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs

SCHEDULE	
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ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Emerald Road.	At its junction with Leagrave High Street.
Carmelite Road.	At its junction with Leagrave High Street.

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NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, intends to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). The Order will come into operation on 14th October 2013 and cease operation after 28th October 2013 or when the proposed works have been completed. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the road and length of road in the Schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates as above. Specific times and dates will be signed locally.

The purpose of the Order is to enable repair works to be carried out to a water pipe.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs

	SCHEDULE
ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Hart Hill Lane.	The entire length.

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager Town Hall, Luton LU1 2BQ

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (GILLAM STREET) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, intends to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). The Order will come into operation on 12th August 2013 for a period of 18 months. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the length of road specified in the schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the date described above. The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the necessary alterations to traffic management as part of the ongoing development and construction associated with The Luton Town Centre Transport Scheme

LENGTH OF ROAD

From its junction with Hitchin Road westwards for a distance of approximately 57 metres

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (SUNDON PARK ROAD) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) (NO.3) ORDER 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, intends to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). The Order will come into operation 22nd September 2013 and cease operation after 4th October 2013 or when the proposed works have been completed. Specific times and dates will be signed locally. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the road and length of road in the schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described above. The purpose of the Order is to enable railway bridge works to be carried out.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

SCHEDULE

l	ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD	DATES AND TIMES
		From its junction with Toddington Road to the side of lamp column 21 (The section of Sundon Park Road under the railway bridge known as 'Sundon Arch').	From Sunday 22nd September 2013 to Friday 27th September 2013 11.00pm to 5.00am. From Sunday 29th September 2013 to Friday 4th October 2013 11.00pm to 5.00am.

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THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (DUNSTABLE ROAD (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

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The Order will come into operation on 19th August 2013 for a period of 18 months although it is anticipated work will be completed by 23rd August 2013. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

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The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the road and length of road in the schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated works will be completed over a period within the date described above.

The purpose of the Order is to enable highway improvement works to be carried out.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

SCHEDULE

l	ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD	TIMES
l	Dunstable Road.	From its junction with Moor Street to its junction with Bury Park Road.	8.00pm to 5.00am.

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (MARSH ROAD) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) (NO.2) ORDER 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on 2211 July 2013 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The Order will come into operation 21st September 2013 and cease operation after 22nd September 2013 or when the proposed works have been completed. Specific times and dates will be signed locally. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the road and length of road in the schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described above. The purpose of the Order is to facilitate safety and structural examination of the railway bridge

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs

ı		SCHEDULE	
l	ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD	TIMES
l	Marsh Road.	From its junction with Grange Avenue to its junction with the entrance to Leagrave Railway Station carpark on Marsh Road.	11.00pm to 5.00am.

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (VARIOUS ROADS)
(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES) (NO.17) ORDER 2013

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(as amended).

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The purpose of the Order is to enable the safe passage of highway users attending Luton Town Football Club matches.

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SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
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Clifton Road.	The entire length.
Kenilworth Road.	From its junction with Avondale Road westwards to outside No.35 Kenilworth Road.
Oak Boad	The entire length

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

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The purpose of the Order is to enable highway improvement works to be carried out

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Emerald Road.	At its junction with Leagrave High Street.
Carmelite Road.	At its junction with Leagrave High Street.

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ı		Croham Turner Highway Services Manage
ı	Hart Hill Lane.	The entire length.
ı	ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD

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ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Gillam Street.	From its junction with Hitchin Road westwards for a distance of approximately 57 metres.

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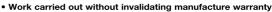


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Bedfordshire play out another draw

CRICKET

IT'S now four draws out of four for Bedfordshire in the Minor Counties Championship Eastern Division after another sharing of the spoils against neighbours Hertfordshire.

After previous draws against Buckinghamshire, Staffordshire and Northumberland it was the same story for Beds who are still searching for a first win yet remain unbeaten.

Hertfordshire won the toss and elected to bat at Bedford School, and they posted an imposing total of 442-5 from their 90 overs with Lloyd Paternott reaching 111.

There were four further scores above 50 for the visitors who made the Beds bowling attack suffer, in particular Tom Brett and Chris Esh who shared 68 of the overs between them.

Beds faltered in reply with George Thurstance's 67 the highlight of their first innings as they were bowled out for 237.

The visitors declared on 205-7 in their second innings as Martin Weightman took 4-27, a lead of 410 runs.

Jamie Hewitt's Beds steadied the ship though and dug in to finish on 281-4 to leave the three day game level.

Hewitt, who was dismissed against Buckinghamshire for 99, was this time sent back to the pavilion for 98, but Thurstance did manage to make it through the nineties to reach his century as he ended the contest unbeaten on 110.

The latest draw leaves Beds sixth in the

table ahead of their next clash away against league leaders Cambridgeshire, which gets started on August 4.

This will prove to be a tough test for Hewitt's men as the table toppers have three victories from their four games so far, with one defeat.

Second for Luton at London meeting

ATHLETICS

LUTON Athletic Club finished second in their fourth Southern Athletics League Division Two north match at Parliament Hill in London.

On the track there was a double victory in the 100m races for Tamyka Spence (12.5s) and Alicia Sinclair (12.6s) on the latter's debut for the club.

Revee Walcott-Nolan won the 800m in a time of 2m 18.2s and Claire McMahon performed well to win the 3000m in 10m 46.7s. In the throws, Suzanna Wise and Jo Blair

combined well for a double win in the discus with efforts of 35.47m and 29.13m respectively.
Wise also won the hammer with a throw

of 39.9m and Blair took a victory in her main event of the javelin with 40.49m.

The club's women also enjoyed a magnificent victory in the 4x400m relay with Anna Bright, Sophie Billington, Walcott-Nolan and Amalia Edwards running a new club record of 4m 02.2s.

For the men David Burrell had a great day, winning the shot, hammer and javelin, while there was also a victory in the high

jump for Jamie Baughan with 1.80m. Erza Leonce picked up a triple jump victory with 12.45m and Rhys Lewis won the 400m in 52.2s. In the 3000m steeplechase, Shane Jay claimed the win in 10m 19.6s

The overall event was won by Basildon, with London Heathside third.

Villa victory needs some perspective

FOOTBALL OPINION

BY GAVIN DALY

LUTON brushed aside Premier League Aston Villa with some comfort on Tuesday night at Kenilworth Road and immediately some fans are getting a little ahead of themselves.

While it was a fantastic performance from the majority of the lads (Taiwo the only one not standing out for me) it was against, despite what others may say, a weakened Aston Villa

No Gabriel Agbonlahor, Andreas Weimann or Marc Albrighton along with new signings Aleksandar Toney, Nicklas Helenius and Jores Okore missing meant starts for U21s Samir Carruthers and Janoi Donacien.

The Premier League side were also without captain Ron Vlaar and American shot-stopper Brad Guzan for the first 60 minutes as well.

Even with the inclusion of Christian Benteke

for the first 45 minutes it was anything but a full strength Villa side, with even the Belgian international starting only his first pre-season game following extra time off after handing in a transfer request.

Everything above is not to take away from the

everything above is not to take away from the victory but rather put it into perspective. Even with that said it was a strong performance from the Hatters, in particular the defence looking strong, with a little help from some awful finishing from the Premier League side.

Alex Lacey, captaining the side once again, looked solid and composed at the back, probably helped in part by man of the match Steve McNulty and experienced shot stopper Mark Tyler.
Whether Lacey will start come August 10 is

anyone's guess with summer signing Anthony Charles possibly available by then, but the youngster, who has been highly rated but rarely played by former managers, is doing his chances no harm with performances like this.

There were some last ditch tackles and diving blocks but when you consider how poor we were defensively last season that's a definite improve-



DOUBLE DELIGHT: Jake Howells dinks a finish over Brad Guzan.

ment. As for the goals, it was nice to see Jon Shaw in the position he found for the easiest of tap ins to score the opener.

It's the position you want the striker in and, if he gets the desired supply, this season could be all about Jon Shaw.

Speaking of supply, both wide players (Martin and Whalley) had decent outings without really finding a final ball.

The talent is definitely there though and Still has already said the real tactical work will start this week so I look for their final balls to improve before August 10.

The second goal was a complete howler by the

calmness to just lift it past Guzan's left shoul-

While it was nowhere near the 'full strength' side advertised by Villa it was a decent run out for the Hatters and could have easily been three had Guzan not brought off a fantastic save from a Jon Shaw volley.

The old saying goes "you can only beat what is put in front of you", and although Villa had large chunks of possession Luton were comfortable in the victory. Just remember, it's still only pre-season.

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We learnt from Lambert's men says boss Still

FOOTBALL

BY TOM SHARP

LUTON Town manager John Still said that his side learnt a lot from playing Premier League Aston Villa – despite the Hatters beating Paul

Lambert's men 2-0 in Tuesday's friendly.
A calm first-half Jon Shaw side-foot was added to in the latter stages of the energysapping match by a composed lobbed finish from Jake Howells, sealing the noticeable win for the Hatters

Town may have given Villa boss Lambert food for thought with the new campaign less than a month away after their tremendous all-round display but Still believes that his own charges gained much from playing their top-flight oppo-nents, who paraded the likes of Belgian goal machine Christian Benteke and rising English star Fabian Delph on their visit to South

"Their passing and moving was fantastic and it was a good education for us." said Still.

"If in future games we can get a hold of the ball I would hope we can pass and move like them because that is what we want to do.

"In terms of the victory, it is just a step forward. It is only pre-season so we do not want to get ahead of ourselves but I am delighted with how the boys played.

"We knew that coming into the game we would have to show a team organisation and work ethic and we did that.

"I do not think Tyles (goalkeeper Mark Tyler) had many saves to make because defensively we were solid.

"From the front, with the finishing for the two goals, to the back, I think we were very good."



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Clear aims for Charles

BY TOM SHARP

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LUTON Town new boy Anthony Charles believes the side are in the right frame of mind to finally end their five-year exile from the Football League and fulfil their

potential this season.
The 32-year-old defender became Town's seventh signing of the summer last month after putting pen-to-paper on a one-year deal following his release from League Two side Plymouth Argyle.

Charles has previous in the Conference having helped both Barnet in 2005 and Aldershot Town in 2008 out of the notoriously tricky division and he is convinced boss John Still has assembled a squad with the credentials to gain promotion.

"It is all about competition for places at Luton Town and we are all confident in our ability," said Charles.

"The boys were ecstatic after the win against Aston Villa on Tuesday night but I was impressed with how they have not

got too carried away with it all.
"We have some cool heads at this club and a lot that know that winning feeling. "Ronnie (Henry), Macca, (Steve McNulty), Scott (Griffiths) and myself have all tasted success in this league so I think that will be to our advantage. We have a mix of youth and experience

The Hatters are the journeyman cen-

tre-back's tenth club since he began his career in 1999 with Crewe Alexandra and Charles had no regrets about dropping out of the Football League.

"I wanted to sign for Luton for loads of reasons," said Charles. "Firstly, I am impressed with what John has achieved at Dagenham and I think he has the blueprint to get us of out of this division.

"I also know how good the crowd is here as well. The area loves its football and you know that from how many season tickets are sold every year."

The former Northampton Town man

has even had time to pick up a classic John Still-ism often thrown out in his post-match surmises.

"The important thing is to never get too high or too low," said Charles. "I just think there's a tremendous bunch

of lads here that can achieve big things."

Charles has been absent from Town's pre-season preparations since picking up a knock in their 1-0 reverse against Boreham Wood 15 days ago but is hoping to be involved in the final week of warm-ups before the big kick-off on August 10. "It has come around really quick so with

only two weeks to go before Southport we're getting there and we'll all be ready come crunch time," said Charles. "After this week's games we will all be

focussed on the job in hand and that is an opening day win up north. We really want to get off to a good start and build



PREMIER LEAGUE BOYS BEATEN: Jon Shaw celebrates his goal in Luton's 2-0 friendly win over Aston Villa. For more

A new trio of possible targets

FOOTBALL

LUTON Town ran the rule over three trialists during Thursday night's 2-0 friendly defeat at neighbours Dunstable Town.

A youthful Hatters line-up featuring many U18 players took to the field at Creasey Park but there were also the interesting additions of Spanish full-back Aitor Nunez – who manager John Still revealed would be playing before the game - as well as striker Moses Ashikodi and midfielder Jake Hall. Ashikodi, 26, has had a some-

what nomadic career, and was most recently at Ebbsfleet

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United. He has also turned out for Rangers, Millwall, West Ham United and the Hatters' fierce rivals Watford.

Meanwhile, midfielder Hall has been on the books of Grays. Dunstable deserved to win the clash against a Hatters side which also featured a smatter-

ing of first team players, and opened the scoring in the first half thanks to a low diving header from Matt Nolan. Lee Roache then added a second after the break past Luton goalkeeper

Elliot Justham.

The fixture was watched by a healthy crowd and was a useful exercise for Dunstable who will

be aiming for a second straight promotion after their 'invinci-ble' unbeaten title winning season in the Spartans South Midlands Premier last time out.

"This fixture was a great success for Dunstable Town FC," said the club's Director of

Football John McLoughlin.
"It gave both clubs a great game and I would like to thank everyone at Luton Town, the players, staff and their supporters, for a great evening.
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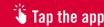
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